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1. SPEAKING AT DAR ES SALAAM AUGUST 28, PATRIOTIC FRONT
CO-LEADER ROBERT MUGABE CHARGED THAT UK AND US ARE "NOW
ENGAGED IN ANOTHER CLANDESTINE GAME OF CONTRIVING YET
ANOTHER INTERNAL AGREEMENT WHICH LEAVES REBEL IAN SMITH
AS THE CHIEF MAIPULATOR BY MERELY RESHUFFLING THE POSITIONS
OF ESTABLISHING STOOGES." MUGABE'S REMARKS WERE CONTAINED
IN A STATEMENT READ TO THE PRESS JUST PRIOR TO HIS
DEPARTURE FOR MAPUTO. HE WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ZANU OFFICIAL
EDGAR TEKERE.

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2. MUGABE ALSO ACCUSED UK AND US OF SCHEMING, IN
COLLABORATION WITH SMITH, TO BREAK UP THE PATRIOTIC
FRONT "IN ORDER TO ACHIEVE THEIR EVIL PURPOSE OF ESTA-
BLISHING A NEO-COLONIALIST STATE IN ZIMBABWE." HE SAID
THAT NO MANEUVERS, SECRET OR OPEN, THAT SOUGHT TO PRESERVE
THE SMITH REGIME COULD EVER GAIN ACCEPTANCE. "NOR CAN

ANY OTHER DEAL WHICH TRIES TO CIRCUMVENT THE SACRED PRINCIPLES OF TRANSFERRING TOTAL POWER TO THE PEOPLE AND AIMS AT INSTALLING A PARTICULAR LEADER OR LEADERS."

3. MUGABE SAID UK AND US HAD "GROWN MUTE ON THEIR OWN PROPOSALS AND ACCEPTABLE PRE-CONDITIONS." IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, HE SAID THE PATRIOTIC FRONT WOULD STILL ATTEND AN ALL-PARTIES CONFERENCE ON CONDITION THAT THE CONFERENCE DISCUSSED AN INDEPENDENCE CONSTITUTION AND THAT BRITAIN REMAINED THE SOLE COLONIAL POWER. MUGABE DECLINED TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT HIS STATEMENT. HIS AEROFLOT FLIGHT TO MAPUTO WAS REPORTEDLY HELD FOR 15 MINUTES TO ENABLE STATEMENT TO BE READ. SPAIN UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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